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**Distinguished Former Secretaries of Agriculture
To Advocate for Clinton and Trump Presidencies at Washington Conference**

WASHINGTON, D.C. (September 1, 2016) – Two respected former Secretaries of Agriculture – one Republican and one Democrat – will take the stage to advocate for the election of Donald Trump or Hillary Clinton during the United Fresh Washington Conference this year.

With the 2016 presidential election shaping up to be an historic event for the country, Reagan Administration USDA Secretary Jack Block will make the case for a Trump presidency, while Clinton Administration USDA Secretary Dan Glickman will make the case for a second Clinton presidency, this time with Hillary instead of his former boss. United Fresh President and CEO Tom Stenzel will moderate their discussion, sitting firmly in the middle.

This special event promises to be a highlight of the conference, and will take place during the General Breakfast Session on Wednesday, September 14, in Washington, D.C.

“Our industry has had great respect for both Secretary Block and Secretary Glickman,” Stenzel said. “Both of these gentlemen were strong leaders for all of agriculture, and forged many bipartisan agreements in past Farm Bills and as well as addressing other issues. With today’s polarizing campaigns splitting the country, I’m going to be asking each of them how agriculture can bridge the divide, and why they feel their candidate is the best choice for the job,” Stenzel said.

This year’s Washington Conference will bring attendees face-to-face with key members of Congress, their staff and top regulatory officials. The conference also features the Rising Leaders Program for up-and-coming industry employees. To register, visit www.unitedfresh.org. For more information about The Washington Conference, September 12-14, contact [Angela Tiwari](mailto:Angela.Tiwari@unitedfresh.org) at 202-303-3416.

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About United Fresh Produce Association

Founded in 1904, the United Fresh Produce Association brings together companies across every segment of the fresh produce supply chain, including growers, shippers, fresh cut processors, wholesalers, distributors, retailers, foodservice operators, industry suppliers and allied associations. We empower industry leaders to shape sound government policy. We deliver the resources and expertise companies need to succeed in managing complex business and technical issues. We provide the training and development individuals need to advance their careers in produce. Through these endeavors, we unite our industry with a common purpose – to build long-term value for our members and grow produce consumption. For more information, visit www.unitedfresh.org